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c. I reminded the group that the question we had occasionally discussed previously of congressional requests for access to National Intelligence Estimates remained unresolved. I noted that the latest development was a request for a specific NIE on Southeast Asia by the Foreign Relations Committee. In the course of the ensuing discussion it was argued that it would be quite difficult to insist that National Estimates are very precious so long as copies were freely available in various places such as war colleges, etc. I said the fact remained that they were supposedly confined to the Executive Branch and I pointed out the implications of releasing them to the Congress. I said I appreciated the President's reluctance to resort to executive privilege but would welcome any suggestions as to the best basis on which to hold our ground. Among other things, I said it had been suggested that a guidance letter from the President to the Director might help us in this regard. John Lehman asked that we draft the kind of letter we have in mind and send it over for them to consider, which I agreed to do. 25X1A

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Wednesday - 13 September 1972

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1. [] Talked to Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and made a tentative date for Friday to review the specific reductions in the IC budget presentations. Preston told me that they are fragmented so that it will be necessary to go back over the documents to determine the total of reductions. He reconfirmed that the Agency budget was not reduced by the Committee. Messrs. Briggs, OPPB, and [] IC, have been advised. 25X1A

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2. [] I talked to Bernice Kalinowski, House Armed Services Committee staff, Susan McMahon, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, and Helen Mattas, House Foreign Affairs Committee staff, concerning the distribution of a Cornell University study by D. Gareth Porter, a research associate at Cornell's international relations of East Asia project. None of the offices contacted have heard about any distribution of the report on the Hill. Mr. Carver, SAVA, has been advised.

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3. [] Talked to Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, about Chairman McClellan's reaction to the matter of withdrawals from our Reserves. He said on two recent issues, McClellan indicated he planned to raise the matter with the Director before the full Subcommittee at an early date, particularly on the question of "how do these projects serve U.S. interests?" Woodruff said he explained to McClellan some of the activities involved were carried out on the direct orders of the President and the Agency was merely acting as executive agent. However, McClellan indicated he would look to the Director for an explanation and justification.

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1. [] Messrs. Maury and [] met with Mr. Herbert Hoffman, House Judiciary Committee staff, and delivered to him the letter to Chairman Celler from Mr. Helms concerning H. R. 12652, the Ervin bill. Mr. Hoffman told us he had talked to the Senate Judiciary Committee staff people yesterday and learned that Senator Ervin did not return to the city until yesterday. Pending Senator Ervin's return and conversations with Chairman Eastland, of the Senate Judiciary Committee, no action could be taken on the appointment of conferees. It was Hoffman's recommendation that we touch base with each of the other conferees and that he himself would talk to Mr. Celler and ascertain his desires concerning a meeting with the Director or Agency representatives at the first opportunity. At this point he does not know whether Chairman Celler will convene a meeting of the House conferees prior to conference or not.

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2. [] Met with Fran Christy, Immigration and Naturalization Subcommittee staff of House Judiciary Committee, who told me that no further calls have been received during Mr. Cline's, Counsel of the Subcommittee, absence from Mr. [] concerning the Gallaher bill. Mr. Warner, OGC, has been advised.

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3. [] Met with Mrs. Mattie Swor, in the office of Representative Speedy O. Long (D., La.), and reviewed with her constituent correspondence from [] and gave her a collection of unclassified items to use in responding to [] Mrs. Swor was most appreciative and said that she would take up the matter of the correspondence from Lawton concerning action of Americans visiting Hanoi with the FBI and the Department of State.

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4. [] Mr. Robert Blum, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, visited Headquarters this morning for two hours and reviewed OSS files on Indochina.

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1. [] Messrs. []
[] FE Division, [] OCI, and [] met with
Messrs. Jack Brady and Bob Boyer, House Foreign Affairs Committee staff.
The planned debriefing of Messrs. Brady and Boyer was cut short due to a
Committee deadline for later this afternoon for material for use by the House
and Senate Democratic leadership on the events of yesterday in Munich. A
followon meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, 12 September, at 2:00 p. m.
in Room 2170 Rayburn House Office Building. Messrs. Brady and Boyer were
complimentary about the Agency personnel and treatment they received in
the field noting that in their opinion the overall narcotics handling by United
States' agencies has improved in the last year since CIA has been more
actively involved in the problem. See [] Memorandum for the Record.

2. [] Mr. Robert Blum, Senate Foreign Relations
Committee staff, visited Headquarters from 10:00 to 12:00 to begin study of
the OSS files of activities in Indochina following World War II. Files were
made available to him in one of the interview rooms adjoining the main
reception room. Mr. Blum will return again tomorrow at 10:00 a. m. for
further study of the files. [] has been advised.

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